

VERDUN AGAIN CENTER OF EUROPEAN WAR

FRENCH FORCES ADVANCE AND
HAVE HAD THIAUMONT WORK
TWICE WITHIN TWELVE HOURS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

Verdun, almost quiescent during the Anglo-French offensive in the Somme region, has again become the storm center on the western battle front. The French forces have taken the offensive on the right bank of the Meuse and now hold the Thiaumont work and the greater part of the village of Fleury, according to Paris.

The Thiaumont work, already the scene of many desperate combats, was twice in French hands during twelve hours on Friday. The forces of the German crown prince fought the village, driving the French from the work once, but losing it again. German counter attacks were of no avail, says Paris, and the work remained in the possession of the French.

Fleury, which changed hands Thursday after the French had succeeded in taking it, is again almost entirely occupied by the French. Fleury fighting still continues in and around the village. German wounded prisoners taken in the Verdun fighting number 400.

On the Somme front in northern

France there has been little infantry activity. London says the Germans bombarded the section southwest of Pozieres and also the southern portion of Mametz wood.

Desperate counter attacks by the German forces in the region of the Stokhod river, east of Kovel, have resulted in the retirement of the Russian forces which seized the village of Rudka-Miryankia. The fact that the village is only nineteen miles from Kovel, the Russian objective on this part of the Volynian front, probably accounts for the intensity of the fighting there. The Russian general, Sakharaoff, troops continue to advance south of Brody and toward Lemberg. Petrograd reports the capture of 1300 Austro-Germans in a "hot attack" on the line of the Sereth and Grabelitz rivers.

A squadron of British naval aeroplanes has attacked with bombs German military establishment at Ghent, London says considerable damage was done by the dropping of two tons of bombs. Unofficial reports received in Amsterdam apparently confirm this claim.

Thiaumont Work
Is Captured By
The French Troops

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PARIS, August 4.—The French troops in the region of Verdun during Friday captured the Thiaumont work from the Germans, holding out the last time in the face of a counter attack according to the French official statement tonight. After having captured and then evacuating the village of Fleury, under German counter attacks, the French troops Friday afternoon in a lightning attack, recovered the greater part of the village.

Attacking simultaneously from the northwest and the southeast, French troops yesterday drove the village of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun, and captured several hundred Germans.

In the evening, however, the German launched a furious counter attack and after several violent attempts succeeded in getting a footing in the northern part of the village.

The French troops continued to hold the northern section of the place and heavy fighting is in progress.

Successful Air Raid

LONDON, August 4.—British naval aeroplanes on Wednesday carried out a successful raid on a German aerodrome and on ammunition sheds in the town of Ghent, Belgium, says an official announcement given out tonight by the admiralty.

Minor operations last night by the British on the Somme front resulted in the gain for them of some ground west of Pozières, the war office announced today.

Constantinople and the suburbs of Kartal and Pezlik recently were bombarded by a submarine from the Sea of Marmara, according to Constantinople advices to the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company.

Carrier Reported

THE HAGUE (via London), August 4.—It is reported here that M. Carlier, governor of the National Bank of Antwerp, has been deported to Germany for not having declared an amount of gold in the vaults of the bank, which the Germans now have seized.

Regains Territory

BERLIN, August 4.—Austro-German troops have regained all the territory which they had lost in the region of Rudka-Miryankia, east of Kovel.

CASES AGAINST FOUR COLORADO
MINERS ARE FINALLY DISMISSED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 4.—The closing chapter in the prosecution of fifty former striking coal miners, charged with murder and other offenses growing out of the strikes in Las Animas county, three years ago, was heard in the district court here tonight at a special session when Judge Charles N. Cavender, of Leadville, granted a motion to dismiss the cases against a group of defendants, Wm. Diamond, W. M. Snyder and Gus Winberg, and John Winberg, all of whom had been out under bond of \$5,000 each, were dismissed by the court.

Diamond, during the Colorado coal strike, was fiscal agent for the United Mine Workers of America, through membership in the local miners union in Las Animas county.

Dismissal of the cases brought to El Paso county on a change of venue, followed similar action earlier in the day at Trinidad, when forty-seven cases were stricken from the docket.

John Horne Chiles, assistant attorney general, asked for the dismissal inasmuch as the delay in bringing the defendants to trial "made the possibility of conviction remote."

Diamond, Snyder and the Weinbergs were charged with the murder of Thomas W. Whentley, an Aguilar mine guard, October 26, 1912. The crime was committed after the burning of

Ladlow and before the battle at Valsenburg. Mr. Chiles said that the only cases before the courts in which the prosecutions will be pressed are those against John R. Lawson and James T. Davis.

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